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Larry McAllister et al.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN ENHANCED GAMING

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of July 2, 2002, and is timely filed with a one-month extension.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 21, 22, 42, 43, 63, 64, and 84 to read as follows:

An enhanced mechanical reel gaming system utilizing a touch 1. (Amended) panel as a user control device for mechanical reel assemblies and game play features, the system comprising:

a gaming machine assembly utilizing mechanical reels as display devices;

a touch sensor assembly utilizing a substantially transparent touch panel that produces touch data when activated, and wherein the touch panel provides viewing of the mechanical reels through the touch panel;

a touch panel controller capable of controlling and interpreting the touch panel; and